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SUBJECT: Trip Report  
BASF/FMT Site Visit

On July 15, 1985, BASF Wyandotte Corporation certified that the site modification program for the above named site was completed, as required pursuant to Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 80-73699. The purpose of this site visit was two-fold: to verify the work completed as per the Decree and to check the condition of the centrally located drainage ditch which has previously shown leachate seepage problems with contaminants flowing into the Trenton Channel. I met with C.W. Axce, BWC, H. Dale Roush, BWC, Leonard Lipinski, MDNR, and Frank Belobraidich, MDNR at the BWC office at about 9:45AM. The weather was sunny and about 75°F. We then proceeded to the site.

The site modification program included the following to be completed: fencing, locked gates, warning signs, shoreline stability measures, removal of ponded surface water, site grading, a two foot clay cap, vegetative cover, drainage system, perimeter berm, and nine monitor wells. This site visit included an observation of these measures, as it was feasible to do, while walking the site.

While walking along the center ditch, (the concrete portion), many puddles of a reddish-brown liquid (leachate) were observed, most notably at most of the joints including several other <sup>locations</sup>. Cracking in the concrete was also observed. Brownish stains were in several spots on the concrete walls indicating past leachate seepage. Mr. Axce stated that BWC would reseal the joints and inform us when the work was completed. It was also noted that due to the high river level, there has been backflow up the ditch (debris in ditch). Mr. Axce also pointed out that they have had problems with vandalism of the fence. Workers were now repairing it.

Also, other information obtained is as follows: 1) The first round of sampling was completed and the results have been mailed out. 2) The second round of sampling of the monitor wells was recently completed. The results will be mailed when received. 3) The boring logs are being compiled and <sup>will be</sup> mailed in the near future. 4) The City of Riverview plans to expand their boat launch facility located adjacent to the south side of the site. Mr. Axce stated that the expansion will be onto the site property but south of the south drainage ditch and not extend into the actual fill area.

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